January, 1996 from the residents of South Extension, New Delhi, regarding installation of a high powered generator set by Zee Television on the roof top, thereby causing noise and air pollution problems. To control pollution from diesel generators, standards for stack height and noise for different capacities of diesel generators have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. These standards are enforced by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee in respect of Diesel Generator Sets installed in Delhi. The complaint has been forwarded to Delhi Pollution Control Committee who have initiated appropriate action in the matter.

Proposal to develop Kandla Port

594. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to develop Kandla Port in the private sector has been received by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent thereon alongwith the period of its completion and the purpose for which it is likely to be used;

(d) whether similar proposal for other ports in Gujarat has also been received by Government; and

(e) if so, the details of each such port in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) A proposal for development of container handling facilities for handling containers at Kandla Port through private sector participation has been received. The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 65 crores and the project period is 18 months. The proposed facilities will enable the port to handle the containers from ship to stackyard. In addition, Kandla Port have given advertisement for construction of 9th & 10th general cargo berths in the private sector and necessary processes have started.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The other ports in Gujarat being minor Ports, the responsibilities for their development lies with the State Government.

Fake currency notes

595. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(á) whether Government are aware of the incidents of proper action of fake Notes from the soiled mutilated Currency Notes;

(b) whether Government have detected the persons involved in this business; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government to stop this business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. Hence the registration, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of State Government/UT Administrations.

वनरोपण पर खर्च की गई धनराशि

596. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में वनरोपण और अपक्षीणित वनों के विकास से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों पर वर्ष 1990-91 से 1994-95 तक वर्ष-वार कितनी-कितनी राशि व्यय की गई है;

(ख) उपर्युक्त कार्यक्रमों के लिए देशों और अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं से ऋण एवं अनुदान के रूप में प्राप्त राशि का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है तथा देश के आतंरिक स्रोतों से धन जुटाने के उपरांत कितनी राशि व्यय की गई;

(ग) केन्द्रीय और विदेशी टीमों ने इन कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन की राज्य-वार निगरानी एवं मूल्यांकन कब किया था; और

(घ) उपर्युक्त कार्यों पर व्यय की गई राशियों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इन कार्यक्रमों के संबंध में धन के उचित प्रयोग एवं सफलता के लिए क्या-क्या टिप्पणियां की गई हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जाएगी।

Postal and Telecom services in Haryana

597. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages so far covered by telephone and postal services separately in the State of Haryana and by when all the villages are likely to be covered with these two services;

(b) how many towns in the State of Haryana have Electronic Telephone Exchanges and by when all the exchanges in Haryana will be converted into Electronic Exchanges; and

(c) the total number of telephones in the State of Haryana in rural and urban areas separately and what is the target for the release of new connections during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) (i) The total number of villages in Haryana covered with public telephone service upto 31.01.1996 is 5127. All the villages are likely to have such service by the year 1997.

(ii) The total number of villages in Haryana with post office service upto 31.01.1996 is 2270. There is no such plan to cover all the villages with post office service. However, delivery of mails is being done daily in all the villages of Haryana.

(b) 642 towns in the State of Haryana have Electronic Telephone Exchanges upto 31.01.1996. All the exchanges in Haryana will be converted into Electronic Exchanges progressively by 31.03.1997.

(c) Total number of telephones in the State of Haryana as on 31.01.1996 is 268836, out of which 225905 are provided in urban and 42931 in rural areas respectively. The target for release of new connections during 1996-97 is 69600.

MOUs Signed between India and Canada for the Promotion of Trade

598. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of agreements and MOUs were signed during the recent visit of Canadian Prime Minister to India in January this year; for mutual cooperation and promotion of trade etc. between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether during the talks, he insisted on imposition of social clause like child labour restrictions, if so, the details in this regard and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation, and MOUs for cooperation in the sectors of Surface Transport, Telecommunications and Heavy Oil were signed at the Governmental level. 78 commercial agreements valued at C$ 3.39 billion (Rs. 8692 crores) including business contracts, MOUs and Letters of Intent were signed between Indian and Canadian companies during the visit. These covered the sectors of power, transporation, environment, telecommunications, computer software, food processing, medical equipment and financial services.

(c) The Canadian Prime Minister referred to the tragedy of child labour and the economic exploitation of children in his address to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry on January 13, 1996. During bilateral talks, the Canadian Premier was briefed on the various measures that are being taken to eliminate child labour in India starting with the prohibition of child labour in hazardous industries.

Procurement of Pair Gain System

599. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government procured subscriber carrier (pair gain system) from a manufacturer in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, how many systems have been procured and at what cost;

(c) how many of these systems have been installed till 31st December, 1995 and are in operation;

(d) what has been the performance of these systems in regard to quality and reliability;